

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, one of our nation's oldest and most cherished traditions, Thanksgiving Day brings us closer to our loved ones and invites us to reflect on the blessings that enrich our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, though our traditions have evolved, the spirit of grace and humility at the heart of Thanksgiving has persisted through every chapter of our story; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of adversity and times of plenty, we have lifted our hearts by giving humble thanks for the blessings we have received and for those who bring meaning to our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, as we gather in our communities and in our homes, we give thanks for the many kindnesses and comforts that grace our lives. We must pause to remember those men and women of our military stationed in harm's way to protect our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to giving thanks, Thanksgiving is a time to give back to our communities and to those less fortunate, to be generous with our time and compassionate with our neighbors in need;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2016 as



**THANKSGIVING DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 21st day of November, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Shumlin", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor